

Applicant : MAHENDRAN et al
Appl. No : 09/975,220
Filed : October 11, 2001
Title : VERTICAL SKEIN OF HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANES AND
METHOD OF MAINTAINING CLEAN FIBER SURFACES WHILE
FILTERING A SUBSTRATE TO WITHDRAW A PERMEATE

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May 8, 2003

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the office action of March 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Before the title "Background of the Invention" please insert the following new sentence:

Application 09/975,220 filed October 11, 2001, and co-pending application
09/333,669 filed June 15, 1999, are each reissues of U.S. Patent No.
5,639,373 (Application No. 08/514,119 filed August 11, 1995).

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 15 to 22.

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